

SOME SUGGESTIONS.

1. Every pastor should have at least one prayer meeting.
2. If a country congregation, have them at the homes, if a city congregation, have them at the church.
3. The pastor should have oversight of the meeting for the first few months, then he should begin to have some of the ablest members lead.
4. Silence hypocrites, encourage timid people.
5. Don't pray the meeting to death.
6. Don't ask for anything you do not need.

COMPARISON OF THE GODLY AND UNGODLY.

A STUDY OF PSALM I.

I. The Godly.

1. First word is, "Blessed."
2. Subject is, Man.
3. The blessed man has three negative characteristics and one positive :
 - (1) Doesn't walk according to the precepts of the ungodly.
 - (2) Doesn't by a bad life stand in the light of sinners. See Matt. 23 : 13.
 - (3) Doesn't company with those who mock at holy things. See Jer. 15 : 7.
 - (4) Delights in the law of God.

RESULTS OF SUCH A LIFE.

- (1) Like a tree planted where it has plenty of nourishment.
- (2) Which bears fruit, and
- (3) Whose leaf is always green and gives shade to weary travelers. See Jer. 17 : 8; Isa. 32 : 2. Or is good for medicine to sick souls. Ez. 47 : 12.
- (4) Whatsoever he doeth it shall prosper for he will do nothing contrary to God.

II. The Ungodly.

1. Not so.
2. Like chaff that the wind can carry away.
3. Results. (1) Cannot stand in the judgment, because they were worthless to God. (2) Their way even shall perish.

BIBLE STUDY.

The man who first seeks Divine guidance will not undervalue subsequent careful and critical study. The Holy Spirit blesses the industrious, not the slothful man. He guides in study, not in the neglect of study. But the guidance should be asked for at the start, not expected as a matter of course by him who fails to request it. The assurance is that our Heavenly Father will "give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him." "For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Not until a man has

asked and received a guidance of the Holy Ghost is he ready to begin the study of a passage of Scripture which he is set to teach. Then he may examine the Word itself. Afterwards he may safely consult the best human help; to its understanding and applications. God best understands His own Word. He is first to be looked to to make it clear to him who would teach it to others.—S. S. Times.

UNANSWERED PRAYER.

1. *A prayer by the disobedient.* Prov. 28 : 9: "He that turneth away his ear from the hearing of the law, even his prayers shall be abomination."

2. *A prayer by the wicked.* Isa. 1 : 15: "And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you; yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood."

3. *A prayer by the carnal minded.* Jas. 4 : 2, 3: "Ye lust, and have not; ye kill, and desire to have, and can not obtain; ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

4. *A prayer by the unforgiving.* Mark 11 : 26: "But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

5. *A prayer by the unbelieving.* James 1 : 6, 7: "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the winds and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord."

6. *A prayer by the insincere.* Luke 20 : 46, 47: "Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts, which devour widows' houses, and for a show make long prayers, the same shall receive the greater condemnation."

7. *A prayer by the rejected of God.* I Sam. 28 : 6: "And when Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord answered him not, neither dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets." (I Sam. 15 : 26.)

8. *A prayer to escape retribution.* Jer. 14 : 10-12: "Thus saith the Lord unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the Lord doth not accept them; he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins. Then saith the Lord unto me, Pray not for this people for their good. When they feast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them."

9. *A prayer to remove chastisement.* II Cor. 12 : 8, 9: "For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might pass from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee. For my strength is made perfect in weakness."

10. *A prayer when probation is passed.* Luke 13 : 24, 25: "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are."—Christian Standard.

Church News.

TO THE ILLIOKOTA CHURCHES.

Now that our conference will soon be here, we must make some preparations along the line of entertainment. We expect to take care of and make arrangements for nourishment and rest for every one that comes to conference, visitors and delegates. If you wish to bring a basket well filled, Amen. Come one and all that can. Let us have a spiritual feast. Plan and prepare for another year's work, elect your delegates, get ready to come and go on to National Conference. Now to help the committee on entertainant here, please let me know how many delegates you will send or how many will come from your church so that we can make the proper arrangements. Some one must also look after or see about securing rates to Johnstown. If we have an approximate number of how many will go east it will be a great help. So please be prompt and let us know.

We had our first tent meeting tonight, July 5. Praise the Lord we had a good meeting.

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GLEANINGS FROM THE WAYSIDE.

Yesterday was our first service with the Mt. Vernon church, Wabash County, Ind. as their pastor. Had a good meeting. Held it in a school-house. Almost suffocated with the heat, but we can endure it a while with good prospects of something better soon. The Brethren have the foundation laid for their new church and the carpenters will begin this week.

You may expect to hear more from us